

**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR EFFICIENTLY VIEWING A NUMBER OF
SELECTED COMPONENTS USING A DATABASE EDITOR TOOL**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5 A method and apparatus for efficiently viewing selected
cells using a database editor tool. By using a cell
selection list that identifies a number of selected
components, the present invention may allow the user to
sequentially view the selected components by using a number
10 of pre-defined "hot-keys". In addition, the present
invention may automatically set the design hierarchy in the
database editor tool to an appropriate level so that the
component being viewed can be easily manipulated by the
circuit designer.

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